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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	1875.5610000
First Inventor	Kevin L. MILLER et al.
Title	See 1 in Addendum
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 14]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 4]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37CFR 1.136(a)(3)  
The name of the assignee is: Broadcom Corporation

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information:

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Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Addendum

1. METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ZERO DETECT AND AUTO-MUTE

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 810.00**Complete if Known**

Application Number	To Be Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Kevin L. MILLER
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Art Unit	To Be Assigned
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		1001	770	Utility filing fee	770.00
		1002	340	Design filing fee	
		1003	530	Plant filing fee	
		1004	770	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>770.00</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
10	20	18.00	0.00
2	3	86.00	0.00

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	86	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	86	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					<b>0.00</b>

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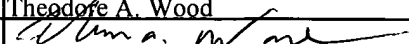
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		1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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		1053	130	Non-English specification	
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		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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		1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
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		1253	950	Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,480	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	2,010	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	330	Notice of Appeal	
		1402	330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	290	Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,330	Petition to revive - unintentional	
		1501	1,330	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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		1503	640	Plant issue fee	
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		1810	770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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**Mail Stop: Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No.: (To Be Assigned); Filed: Herewith  
For: **Method and System for Providing Zero Detect and Auto-Mute**  
Inventors: Kevin L. MILLER *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.5610000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method and System for Providing Zero Detect and Auto-Mute**

and naming as inventors:

Kevin Lee MILLER  
Keith LaReil KLINGLER

the application consisting of:

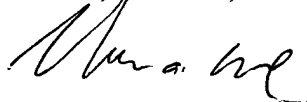
- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. An original executed Declaration;

- c. A specification containing:
  - i. 21 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 2 pages of claims (10 claims - 2 Independent);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- d. 14 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-6, 7A-7B, 8-13);
- 4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
- 5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- 6. An original executed Assignment to Broadcom Corporation, recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
- 7. Two (2) return postcards; and
- 8. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$810.00 to cover:
  - \$770.00 Filing fee for patent application; and
  - \$ 40.00 Assignment Recordation fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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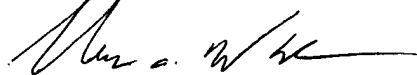
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Respectfully submitted,

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